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NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item No. 3.C.6

SUBJECT: LAND DONATION - CHIPPEWA MORAINE STATE RECREATION AREA– CHIPPEWA COUNTY

FOR: SEPTEMBER 2008 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Richard Steffes

SUMMARY: Mr. Rodney Cole has offered to donate to the Department 1.01 acres of land for the Chippewa Moraine State Recreation Area in Chippewa County. The property is the abandoned right-of-way for 250th Avenue, formerly called Eagle Lane, which creates a border between the towns of Bloomer and Sampson. Both municipalities have filed appropriate abandonment proceedings and title to the road right-of-way reverts to the contiguous owners, the Department and Mr. Cole.

In the Master Plan of the Chippewa Moraine, planners recommended closing some dead-end roads such as Eagle Lane or other roads, which no longer serve private lands within the recreation area. Road closures will minimize problematic illegal dumping, after-hour fires, camping, and vehicular damage to geological features adjacent to this narrow road. Once closed, the area will still allow foot traffic and will accommodate several parked cars.

Chippewa Moraine State Recreation Area is located in west-central Wisconsin about 20 miles north of the Eau Claire/Chippewa Falls area. The project, a cooperative venture with the National Park Service, was established in 1974 as one of the nine units of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve, to protect the unique glacial features of the Wisconsin Ice Age. The recreation area consists of a large area along the terminal moraine known as the Chippewa Moraine and contains numerous kettle lakes and ponds. The area is managed to protect the scenic resources and geological values of the Chippewa Moraine area and for a variety of recreational, educational, and scientific purposes. The property is used for picnicking, hiking, nature and geological studies, Ice Age Trail-based recreation, cross-country skiing, and other outdoor recreational activities.

After road abandonment, the Department will gate off the old road and have a small parking area near the gate for three or four cars.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accept the donation of 1.01 acres of land for the Chippewa Moraine State Recreation Area program, that a certificate of appreciation be sent to the donor and that an expression of appreciation be made a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board.

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

No ☒	Fiscal Estimate Required	Yes ☐ Attached
No ☒	Environmental Assessment of Impact Statement Required	Yes ☐ Attached
No ☐	Background Memo	Yes ☒ Attached

APPROVED:

Real Estate Director, Richard E. Steffes - LF/6 — Date 7-29-08

Administrator, Laurie Osterndorf - AD/8 — Date 8/1/08

Secretary, Matthew J. Frank - AD/8 — Date 9/4/08

cc: S. Miller – LF/6
R. Steffes – LF/6
L. Ross – AD/8
D. Schuller - PR/6
C. Thompson – WCR/La Crosse

State of Wisconsin

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 29, 2008

FILE REF: PR 40002

TO: Natural Resources Board

FROM: Matthew J. Frank

SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Rodney Allen Cole Tract, File # PR 40002

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

Chippewa Moraine State Recreation Area
Chippewa County

Grantor:

Rodney Allen Cole
27512 117th Street
New Auburn, WI 54757

Acres: 1.01
Price: N/A - Donation
Appraised Value: N/A

Interest: Release of road right-of-way.
Improvements: None

Location: The tract is located in Chippewa County seven miles east of New Auburn.
Land Description: The land consists of a one-lane, poorly developed road with trees and grass covering much of it.
Stewardship Land Access: This land will be open for hiking, cross-country skiing, hunting, trapping and other nature-based activities. It will be managed like the abutting state land on the north.

Covertype Breakdown:	Type:	Acreage:
	Upland/Woodland	1.01

Zoning: No zoning applies
Present Use: Town Road
Proposed Use: Hiking Trail and Parking Area
Tenure: Rodney Cole gained title under the road abandonment proceedings from the town in April of 2008
Agreement Date: February 14, 2008

2. JUSTIFICATION:

Rodney Allen Cole has offered to donate 1.01 acres of land for the Chippewa Moraine State Recreation Area in Chippewa County to the Department. The property is the abandoned right-of-way for 250th Avenue, formerly called Eagle Lane, which creates a border between the towns of Bloomer and Sampson. Both municipalities have filed appropriate abandonment proceedings and title to the road right-of-way reverts to the contiguous owners, the Department, Rodney Cole, and another owner of a small tract.

In the Master Plan of the Chippewa Moraine, planners recommended closing some dead-end roads such as Eagle Lane or other roads, which no longer serve private lands within the recreation area. This donation, which allows a road closure, will minimize problematic illegal dumping, after-hour fires, camping, and

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vehicular damage to geological features adjacent to this narrow road. Once closed, the area will still allow foot traffic and will accommodate several parked cars.

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The Department recommends acceptance of this donation to allow better management of access and traffic within the Chippewa Moraine Recreation Area. The land will be managed like the abutting state ownership.

3. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

4. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE CHIPPEWA MORAINE STATE RECREATION AREA:

Established: 1974
Acres Purchased to Date: 3,367.33
Acquisition Goal: 4,587.00
Percent Complete: 73.4%
Cost to Date: $2,459,850.00

RECOMMENDED:

Richard E. Steffes — Date: 7-29-08

Bureau of Legal Services — Date: 7/30/08

Laurie Osterndorf — Date: 8/1/08

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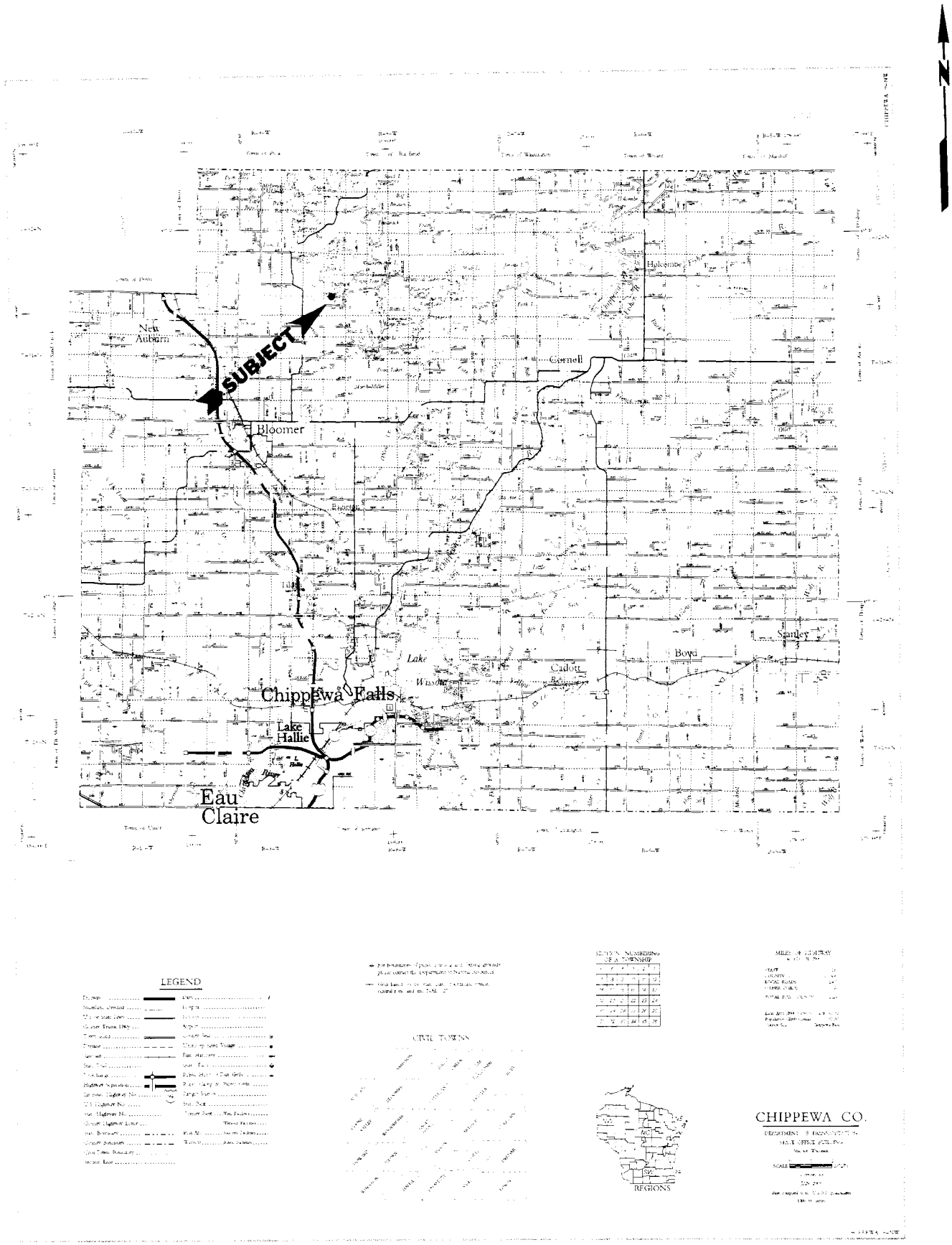
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Cole Property

Chippewa Moraine State Recreation Area

Subject Property

WDNR Owned

WNDR Eased

WDNR Leased

Ice Age Trail

Project Boundary

0 0.3 0.6 Miles

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http://dnr.wi.gov/dnr_state_ru/orgdaerc/ps/sec_recenter/locations.htm

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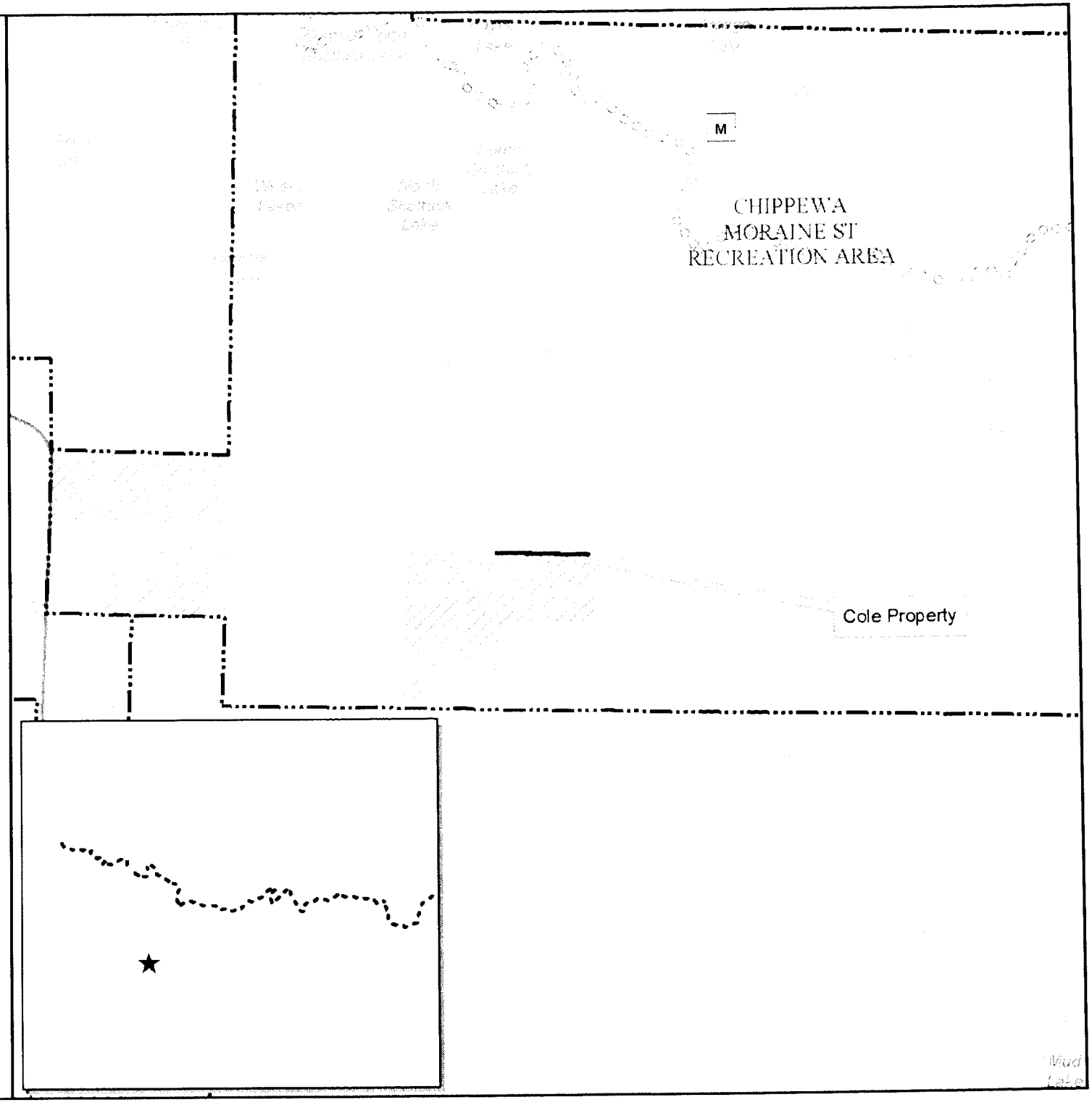

Acknowledgment Of Gift

This is to certify that at its September 2008 meeting, the Natural Resources Board gratefully accepted a gift of 1.01 acres of land in Chippewa County for the Chippewa Moraine Recreation Area from

RODNEY ALLEN COLE

It is significant that individuals like you are interested in helping protect Wisconsin's natural heritage and contribute materially toward this end.

An expression of our appreciation is a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board. We present this certificate of sincere appreciation on behalf of present and future generations to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Natural Resources Board

Christine L. Thomas, CHAIR